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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant : Akira SUYAMA  
Serial No. : 09/918,421  
Filed : July 30, 2001  
For : METHOD OF DETERMINING  
ANALYTICAL NUCLEOTIDE...  
Art Unit : 1631  
Examiner : Lori A. CLOW  
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AMENDMENT

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**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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